GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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FERTILIZER SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the big farmers and fertilizers manufacturers are largely reaping the benefits of the existing system of grant for fertilizers and small farmers are comparatively deprived of its benefits;

(b) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended for change in this procedure;

(d) if so,the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide the subsidy directly to the farmers according to their economic status;and

(f) if so,the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the small farmers?

Answer

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(a)&(b) The fertilizer subsidy is paid on sale of fertilizers and is transferred to the farmers in the form of subsidised selling prices which are substantially below the normative delivered cost of fertilizers at the farm gate level.The subsidy per tonne of fertilizers is uniform for all the farmers including big and small farmers.

(c) No,Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above,question does not arise.

(e) There is no decision to provide subsidy directly to the farmers according to their economic status.

(f) In view of (e) above,question does not arise.